

RAYMOND LOSES THE SUGAR FACTORY LAYTON LANDS THE PRIZE Canadian Capital May Buy Plant--Winnipeggers Interested

SUCCESS

Of Local Taste In Drama

"Farm Folks," a pretty, four-act drama of picturesque New England rural life, was presented in the opera house on the night of December 26, by the dramatic club of the first ward M. I. A. The universal opinion seemed to be that the production was one of the best ever played in this city. There was nothing sensational about the play no gun play or bowery slang. It merely breathed the wholesome atmosphere of the farm, drawing a vivid contrast of life in the country with the ways of society in a modern city. The comedy of Delia and 'Bijah was clever.

All of the characters were good. The company was well-balanced. There was no particular star. The leading lady, Miss Jesse Redd, was excellent in her role, while Miss Viola Allen was admirably adapted to the humorous role of Delia. Sloum, being well supported by talented partner, David Follmer, Mrs. Rouse, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Carter and Mrs. Stone all gave creditable execution of their respective parts. Mr. Robbins made a most capable leading man, sustaining his heavy character with marked ability. As Dave Weston, a stony young farmer, Bert Kinsey was seen to advantage, and Clarence Allred's interpretation of Amos, the honest and benevolent father of Flora Goodwin, was well up to the standard of his effective work in the past.

The stage effects were exceptionally worthy of mention. They were very skillfully and artistically arranged. Gratitude is hereby expressed to George Kirkham and Bert Evans who rendered valuable aid in staging and lighting. Special thanks are also due to the many who assisted unselfishly in making up the various characters. In one line of public activity, dramatics Broadway forms no line of demarcation. This is indeed praise worthy. May it be soon extended to all our public activities.

The training of the company was in the hands of one of the most able dramatic coaches in the city, Miss Maydell Cazier, and to her is due much of the credit for the success of the play.

It is reported that a pool hall will be opened at Bradshaw.

For two days this week the local pool hall was closed. The licence on the business was in arrears. It was reopened at six o'clock Wednesday night when Mr. Thompson paid over to the town a cheque amounting to something like \$400.

A short telegram from Jesse Knight from Provo, Utah, to Raymond Knight, received here Wednesday morning, stated that because of climatic condition the company had decided to move the factory to Layton, Utah.

The announcement caused general regret and disappointment. Ray Knight was visibly affected. When he read the message he merely said:

"It is too bad." And he left the office.

A wire was sent that afternoon asking if the decision was irrevocable. The answer came back that a quick sale was all that would save it.

RAYMOND IN LIMELIGHT

Whatever else this factory agitation has done, it has certainly brought Raymond into the limelight. The press of the West has boosted the campaign with every resource at its command. The Leader has endeavored to publish only reliable and true news, and the news matter supplied from this office to the Canadian papers has been generously featured.

When it was known that a sale would alone hold the factory side of the most influential papers in Western Canada were wired that Canadian capital was needed to hold the industry. These papers gave the story prominence and spoke emphatically in their editorial columns. The Lethbridge Herald in particular, is to be highly commended for its loyal support.

Local Liberals

Elect Officers

The supporters of Liberalism in Raymond held their annual meeting last Monday. The president, Mark V. Crossall, occupied the chair, and stated that the business of the meeting was to elect new officers and appoint delegates to be nominated at convention at Lethbridge. The election of officers resulted as follows:

President—Mark V. Crossall, Vice-president—J. Lambert Pack, Secretary—T. J. O'Brien, Executive committee—Orin H. Snow, T. J. O'Brien, John Goodwin, Arthur Dahl and J. G. Allred. Messrs Crossall and O'Brien were the delegates chosen, with Messrs Snow and Pack as the alternates.

Last Friday evening in the Presbyterian church a reception was given in honor of Mr. Simpson, wife of the pastor, and all present report a most delightful time. Mr. Simpson thanked the Ladies' Aid, warmly congratulating them on their faithful service to the church. Light refreshments were served by the ladies.

A Fighter



Raymond Knight

Manager Ellison

Very Reticent

James E. Ellison, manager of the Knight Sugar company, returned last night from Utah. When seen this morning by The Leader he was very reticent, stating that he had nothing to say.

Bishop Green, of Lethbridge was a business visitor to the city Wednesday evening.

Church Authorities

Opposed Removal

President Heber S. Allen on his return from Salt Lake City informed The Leader that Pres. Smith, Pres. Lund and Bishop Nibley all strongly opposed the removal of the factory from Canada. The influence of the general authorities however, availed nothing. This should put the quietus on the wild speculation as to the attitude of President Smith.

News Items of Local and General Interest

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. John Foster on Jan. 7th, a son.

Patronize Leader advertisers. Advertising is the salt of business use lots of salt.

Leah McCarty is reported as being much improved today.

The bishops of the two Raymond wards have now completed their tithing reports for the past year. They state that there is a slight fall in tithe in comparison with previous year, but the receipts have been most gratifying considering prevailing conditions.

Miss Tove, government telephone agent, wishes to inform the public that they may procure the new telephone directory by calling at the central office. This of course is to subscribers only.

Eight recruits have been secured in Right night up to date.

Skating continues to be the prevailing pastime, although it doesn't create half the sensation as does sleighriding.

1915 is Alberta's Year. Don't throw up the sponge. Be a booster or you will be boosting out of the city.

Boost for Raymond. Use Made-In-Raymond goods. Buy only Raymond-made flour and sugar. And patronize the local printer.

President Heber S. Allen returned home from a visit to Salt Lake City last Wednesday evening. While away Mr. Allen has been boosting hard for Raymond, and used his influence in the endeavor to hold the sugar factory in this country.

The sugar factory will in all probability be bought by Canadians with good hard Canadian money. Raymond Knight and the local boosters are still hopeful. The company will sell for a reasonable figure and the scheme now appears to be feasible.

Winnipeg and Calgary financiers are interested. Yesterday the following telegram was received by the Board of Trade and a similar one by Ray Knight:

"Representing strong financial parties. Would like to interest myself in affairs of Knight Sugar Company relative to reorganization. Am prepared to visit your town on receipt of favorable wire. Kindly submit proper authorities."

T. STEDMAN.
Board of License Commissioners
WINNEPEG, MAN.

A favorable reply was wired back and it is likely that Mr. Stedman will come west immediately. He represents some of the most substantial financiers of Canada.

I. O. O. F. Installation

District Deputy Grand Master Farran, of Magrath, installed the new officers of the local I. O. O. F. last Tuesday night. After the installation a banquet was given in the Sugar City Cafe. The officers elected follow:

N. G. Wm. Blair.
V. G., R. Mitchell.
Recording Sec., Wm. Clemis.
Treasurer, S. B. Card.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The local branch of the Women's Institute held their annual reorganization meeting last Wednesday afternoon. The following officers were elected:

President—Mrs. W. Rouse.
First Vice-pres.—Mrs. A. W. Kirkham.
Second vice-pres.—Mrs. Will Lamb.

Secretary-treasurer—Miss Lizzie Evans.

Directors—Mrs. Snow and Mrs. Gordon.

Organist—Alf. Ericson.

A vocal solo was effectively rendered by Mrs. Earl Scovill, and Miss Hortense Gordon gave a pleasing piano solo.

John Bridge, of Magrath, was a visitor to Raymond yesterday. Mr. Bridge is seriously considering the taking of a number of subjects at the Academy.

Owing to the decision of the directorate of the Knight Sugar company, The Leader is not publishing a detailed report of the magnificent meeting held in the second ward chapel last Tuesday. It would simply revert from the sublime to the ridiculous.

Writes

From European Battle Field

Bert Muncey, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Muncey, of Raymond and a private in the first battalion of the Highland Light Infantry, writing from the firing line in Belgium and Northern France, relates many interesting incidents connected with the operations of the British expeditionary forces now on the continent. He has been engaged in many of the bitter battles of the war, and received a wound at Mons. His description of the fighting is very graphic, and the picture of misery and distress among the troops in the stricken land are told in terms that would melt the hardest heart. But there is a tone of optimism running through the letter, that is so characteristic of the English soldier. The cheerful sentiments expressed are well-worth the utterance of a true British soldier.

Following are extracts from letters sent by Private Muncey to relatives:

"It will soon be Xmas again. Just think of me hanging my stocking in the corner of the trench. Instead of nuts and sweets and gifts, I may get a German shell in it."

Here is spirit for you "We are on the eve of a great battle. I think we are sure to be victorious. The Germans attacked and charged us last night, but we drove the 'swines' back. We are waiting for 50,000 French troops and then we are going to storm their positions. General French is sure of winning. There will be a tremendous loss of life, but its got to be. They have ten times as many men as we have, but they can't fight. In their dread (old) shells that stop us. They are hurting all around us."

"After 9 days in the trenches, up to our ankles in mud and water, we were relieved by the Black Watch. I have worn out two pairs of boots, since leaving England changed my shirt once, shaved twice and washed my face about five times. The Germans are entrenched 700 yards from us. Our brigade general, major and doctor are all killed." When this was written he had been on the continent about three months.

The Sugar Company is feeding a large herd of cattle at the factory. Ranchers report that the snow is making it difficult for the cattle to get feed on the range.

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F. C. Steele, Editor.

W. W. Aiken, Manager.

r Blow, But--

The directors of the Knight Sugar Co. any have decided to move the sugar mill from Raymond to Layton, Utah. This settles a question that has agitated the people of Southern Alberta and Utah for the past three weeks more than any other question save possibly the war. In fact, in Raymond it has been paramount in the public eye. And justly, too. The sugar factory was Raymond's greatest industrial asset. It was an industry that made her a big spot on the map, and earned for her the distinguished title of the "Sugar City." A hard blow doesn't half tell it.

The action of the directors is hard to understand. It was a thunder-bolt to us all. Raymond Knight, who has waged such a splendid campaign to hold the factory here, was surprised and disappointed. Frankly so, at first, we believed when Mr. Knight came out so vigorously, that Raymond would hold the mill. He was the embodiment of optimism, and a spirit of determination to prove to the world that the sugar industry could succeed in this country, thrilled every artery of this grand province of ours. The sturdy husbandman—bearing the marks of fierce struggles nobly fought and proudly won—came forward with a pledge that meant something. The South was aroused. The years of bitter pioneering and experimenting had passed, and this land stood strong and vigorous in all the virility of youth. The country had reached a stage when the industry would have succeeded. The agriculturists had learned the lesson of less and better farming.

Had "Uncle" Jesse, that honored and beloved empire-builder, attended the meetings held throughout the Canadian colonies, we cannot believe that he would have consented to any such move. Why, he acceded now we cannot say. We dare not stand as a judge. But this much can be said: the removal of the factory—we speak plainly—may be strictly honorable in the eyes of modern business, but in the eyes of Justice and Right it is far from being so.

We hold that the industry has not been given a fair trial in this country. It was passing through the same thorny path as did the industry in Utah. And success would have been the only logical result here. Prospects were never brighter. The Canadian sugar market is considerably better than the American. It will cost \$200,000 to move the plant. Much of the machinery is obsolete and cannot be moved, it is said. If the company's land depreciates \$1 per acre they lose about \$140,000. The sugar industry in the States is facing a most critical and uncertain future in view of the 1916 tariff law. Utah is already well supplied with factories. Competition is keen. Nine miles from Layton, the new site of the Canadian factory, is situated the Ogden plant, with double the capacity of this mill.

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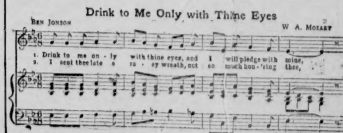
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